

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council
Monday, November 9, 2015
Minutes – Unofficial

The November 9, 2015 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:15 P.M.

Members present were: Capt. Stacy Barrett, Ms. Contessia Brooks, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Ms. Gina Young Cahee, Ms. Carole Elliot, Mr. James Evans, Ms. Lois Jordan, Ms. Linda Lambert, Ms. Jodi Loar, Ms. Paula Polito, Mr. Anthony Recasner, Ms. Cindy Rushing, Ms. Brenda Sharp, Mr. John Warner Smith, Dr. Roberta Vicari, Mr. Kahree Wahid, and Ms. Carynn Wiggins. Ms. Cindy Bishop served as a proxy for Mr. Alan Young, and Ms. Judy McCleary served as a proxy for Ms. Melanie Bronfin. Senator Conrad Appel, Representative Regina Barrow, Ms. Maria Blanco, Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Representative Steve Carter, Mr. Carey Foy, Mr. Steve Gogreve, Mr. Albert Mancuso, Ms. Kim Matherne, and Dr. David Perry were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Jenna Conway and Shelia Campbell.

Public comment was received from Regina Coeli, Ouida Forsyth, Sherry Guarisco, Penny Haire and Susan Zoming.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Cindy Rushing.

Mr. Recasner made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2015 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Recasner, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the August 21, 2015 meeting of the Council.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Quarterly Report.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Recasner, and seconded by Dr. Vicari, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the presentation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Quarterly Report.

Shelia Campbell provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

3 On motion of Ms. Loar, and seconded by Dr. Vicari, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations* with the following recommendations to the LDE:

- Add “*management/administrative education*” as a category for continuing education (§1721.D.11)
- Add “*by a child care health consultant*” as clarification of the trainings that do not count towards continuing education hours (§1721.E)
- Add “*and other independent contractors*” to list of individuals that are allowed to be in presence of children without staff present (§1713.B)
- Add “*and can see*” to the description of staff supervision while children use the restroom independently (§1713.G)

4 On motion of Mr. Evans, and seconded by Ms. Brooks, a motion was made to include a recommendation that children age four may not be permitted to go and return to the restroom without staff.

A Roll Call vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Brooks, Dr. Burns, Mr. Evans, and Ms. Polito.

Nays: Ms. Cahee, Ms. Elliot, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Loar, Mr. Recasner, Ms. Rushing, Dr. Vicari, and Ms. Wiggins.

The motion did not pass.

5 On motion of Ms. Loar, and seconded by Ms. Polito, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the November 9, 2015 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 3:39 P.M.